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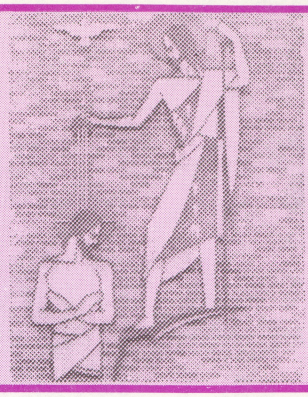


Parish Improvement

Only **one week** remains in our Lenten Parish Improvement Drive. Funds from the Improvement Drive are being used for capital improvements in the parish plant. The redecoration of the church interior and the installation of fire and security systems will be paid for through the Improvement Drive. The painting job is now complete. The pews have all received a finish coat of varnish. Since we all benefit from use of the church, I hope many other parishioners who have not yet responded in any way to the Improvement Drive will be able to do so on Easter Sunday. Please do **your fair share!** Something is better than nothing!! We need your help.

Improvement Drive Summary through Week 5

Cash received $15,224.25
Outstanding pledges . $ 6,301.50
Parishioners responding . . . 369

Seder Meal

As announced last week the traditional Seder Meal will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend. You may also call the rectory and reserve tickets there. Call 483-3360. Adults: $3.00, Children: $1.00. Baby-sitting will be provided in the school.

A limited number of tickets available only.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 8
Palms will be blessed at all Masses today.

Monday, April 9
7:00 a.m. Mass
2:30 p.m. Mass at Parkview Convalescent Home

Tuesday, April 10
Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Confessions: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

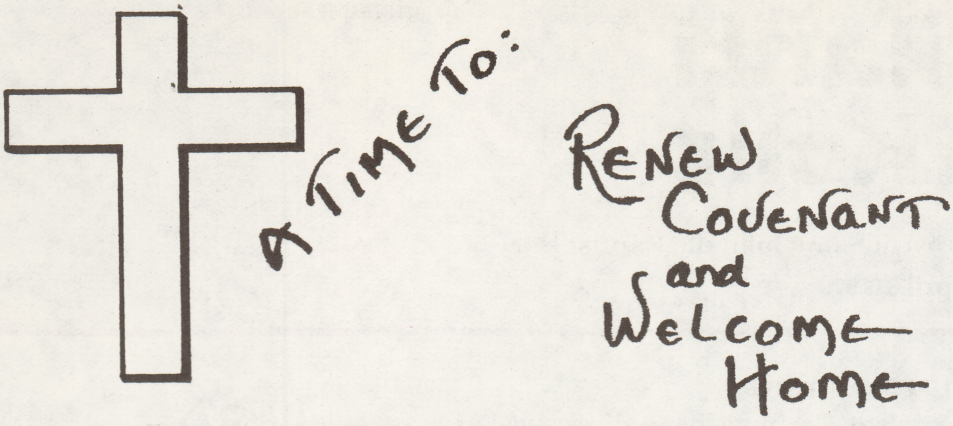
Wednesday, April 11
Masses: 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.
Confessions: 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Seder Meal: 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 12
10:00 a.m. Mass of Chrism in Lansing
8:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Liturgy with Washing of the Feet. Adoration follows the liturgy until Midnight.
Donations at this Mass are used for work with the poor.

Good Friday, April 13
12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
1:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions

Holy Saturday, April 14
11:00 - 12:00 Noon Confessions
8:00 p.m. Solemn Vigil of Easter followed by Reception for converts
(No Confessions 3:30)
(No 5:30 Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 15
Masses at 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



Today is Passion/Palm Sunday and the beginning of the most holy week in the Church's year. This is the last week of preparation. Our hopes, our part in the new covenant are being restated this week. Over the past five weeks of Lent the theme of covenant has again and again been brought before our eyes. God's faithfulness to His people of old and even up to today has been seen and celebrated in many ways. We have discussed how Noah, Abraham, Moses and yes, even Jesus himself lived, acted and made decisions in relationship to their God - our God. I suppose the question to ask now is, "What decisions have 'I' made regarding this faithful and loving God?"

As we walk through the events of Holy Week and take part in Christ's last supper, betrayal, trails, sufferings and death it would be **so easy** to keep these scenes in the historical past and not let them touch us and our lives. That would be safe and unthreatening and secure. It would also be a great way to avoid the asking of any distressing questions like:

Why did Christ do this?

Why did God give His only son to me?

Do I have a covenant with God?

How is it?

Walk slowly through this week ... the greatest mysteries of our faith lie within it, the death of Christ and His resurrection. And He did it **all** because of love.

Sr. Marilyn

Just a Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

This Holy Week

"Up to Jerusalem" is a hymn we hear at our Liturgies this weekend as we begin the holiest of all weeks in the entire church year. This week is called "holy" because it remembers and celebrates the greatest signs of the all-Holy God's love for us. The liturgy of Holy Week invites us to be more than spectators. It calls us to participate in the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that we may also share in His exaltation on Easter Sunday. The second reading this Palm Sunday says it most clearly through the Apostle Paul. "Your attitude must be Christ's ..." One way in which you and I are able to assume Christ's own attitude is to be joined with Him in worship in the days to come this Holy Week.

This coming Thursday is Holy Thursday, the day we commemorate the gift of the Lord's life to us in Holy Eucharist. It also celebrates the anniversary of the institution of the Christian priesthood by the Lord at His Last Supper. Our special Liturgy for Holy Thursday will begin at 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening. Please be present for this beautiful liturgy. Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening, the Blessed Sacrament will be carried to the Altar of Repose located in the main vestibule of the church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until Midnight. Parishioners are free to come and go during the time of public adoration. In keeping with the spirit of the Holy Thursday liturgy, all food and monetary offerings made at that Liturgy will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist in feeding the poor in our own city.

On Good Friday, we solemnly commemorate the Passion and Death of the Lord during the Divine Liturgy beginning at 1:30 p.m. For those unable to attend the sacred liturgy, Stations of the Cross will be prayed beginning at 12:30 p.m. The Liturgy of Good Friday consists of four parts. The Service of the Word which will include the enactment of the Passion of Christ, the solemn prayer of the faithful, the Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion. Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday. Following the Good Friday liturgy, a relic of the True Cross will be exposed for private veneration.

On Saturday evening, the Solemn Vigil of Easter begins at 8:00 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass is celebrated on Holy Saturday). The Solemn Vigil of Easter is the "Night of Nights" in the Christian Church. If you have never attended this Easter Vigil Mass, try to do so this year. During the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, our adult catechumens will be received into the Church, through the celebration of Holy Baptism and/or Profession of Faith, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the reception of their First Holy Eucharist. A reception honoring all the converts will follow the Mass in the church hall for all.

Masses on Easter Day will be celebrated according to the normal Sunday schedule - 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat

This weekend our high school students who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation during the season of Lent will be on retreat. Please keep them in your prayers, especially today so that they might be truly open to the Spirit and thus enabled to share His gifts with all of us here at St. John's.

In the Peace of Christ

Margaret L. Sutton, age 57 died suddenly Saturday evening, March 31, 1979. Margaret was an active participant in this community. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Tuesday, April 3, 1979 by Fr. Harvey. Burial followed in our parish cemetery.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Julian, three sons, John, Bob and Jim, two daughters, Patricia and Mary. Four grandchildren and one sister also survive.

We extend to the family our sincere sympathy in this time of sudden loss. "If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him." May Margaret live in His peace.

New Life in Christ

On Sunday, April 1, 1979, two children were welcomed into the Christian community and the new life of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism administered by Fr. Doepker.

Joseph Thomas Klamo is the son of Thomas W. and Mary E. (Kopytek) Klamo, 244 Fairhills Drive. Joseph's godparents are Henry and Clara Shiner.

Jason Elvin Porter is the son of Floyd E. and Diane (Conde) Porter, 1184 Lester. Jason's sponsors in the faith are Donald and Denise Conde.

Welcome, Joseph and Jason! Congratulations, parents and godparents!

Roller Skating Party

Want to have some fun? You will get your chance and soon at a young people's roller skating party slated for Friday, May 4 at 8:00 p.m. It will be a night of roller skating followed by pizza and more good times. This is a great chance to get together with high school friends, relax, and enjoy yourself.

We will be meeting at St. John's parking lot at 7:30 p.m. - transportation will be taken care of there. If you have any questions, or want more information call Mike Wideman (434-0794) or Mark Pauze (483-1420). Don't let all the good times pass you by - see you there!

Super Action Retreat for boys in grades 6, 7, 8 will be held at St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin from Tuesday, June 26, to Friday, June 29. This is a chance to experience living at St. Lawrence with time for team and individual sports, thought, discussions, and prayer ... chartered bus transportation will be provided from: Ann Arbor, Flint, Jackson, Lansing. Total cost: $45.00! For registration/information contact parish office or **Office of Vocations,** 300 West Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48933, or phone: (517) 372-8540.

Spaghetti Dinner Coming Soon

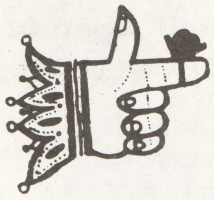
Safe House, a home for battered and abused women, is soliciting your funds to help them with their work. They are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on **Tuesday, April 24** from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Westminister Presbyterian Church, 1914 Greenview Drive in Ann Arbor. Dinner is $3.00 for the benefit which is being put on for them by the Western Kiwanis.

Women, this is an important work that you can help foster by purchasing a ticket and attending this dinner. Perhaps you might enjoy an evening out and this is a good chance for it without too much trouble taken.

Tickets are available at the rectory through Sister Carol (483-3360) or at Coffee and Donuts on April 15 and April 22.

Reminder:

Spring Break - No Religious Education Classes
Tuesday: April 10 & 17
Wednesday: April 11 & 18
Sunday: April 15 & 22
(SPRED Class will meet April 10)



Worth Noting

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 8 - Palm Sunday
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Baby-sitting
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. High school Religious Education
11:00 a.m. Preschool Classes
9:00 - 3:00 High School Confirmation Retreat

Monday, April 9
9:00 a.m. Team Meeting, Rectory
4:30 p.m. Team Liturgy Planning
8:00 p.m. Parish Council monthly Meeting, Activity Center

Tuesday, April 10
4:00 -5:15 Religious Education Grades 1-8 **No classes, Spring Break**
7:00 - 8:15 Religious Education Junior High School **No classes, Spring Break**
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Convert Class, Activity Center
Students SPRED Program, Center **does meet**
High School Home Groups

Wednesday, April 11
Bulletin goes to press AM
4:30 - 5:45 Religious Education Grades 1-6 **No classes, Spring Break**
6:00 p.m. Seder Meal - Parish Hall

Thursday, April 12
10:00 a.m. Chrism Mass in Lansing
8:00 p.m. The Lord's Supper - Adoration at Altar of Repose following liturgy until Midnight
Offertory Donations are for St. Vincent de Paul

Friday, April 13
12:30 Stations of the Cross
1:30 Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 14
3:30 - 4:30 Confessions heard
8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil Mass - followed by reception for converts in Parish Hall

Sunday, April 15
Easter Sunday
No Preschool Classes

Parish Council Agenda

April 9, 1979 - 8:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Commission Reports:
   - A. Administration
     Mr. Tony Comazzi
     1. Financial Report
     2. General Report
   - B. Education
     Mrs. Martha Wideman
     1. Facilitators Report
     2. Subsidy Recommendation
   - C. Parish Activity
     Mrs. Rita Sprague
     1. General Report
   - D. Service
     Sister Carol Denise
     1. Parish Senior Citizens
     2. Washtenaw Catholic Council on Aging
     3. St. Vincent de Paul activities
     4. Commission Activity
     5. Aid to Vietnamese family
   - E. Worship
     1. General Report
4. Old Business:
   - A. Needham Hall Study Committee Report
   - B. Report by Sister Marilyn on the evening of prayer & sharing, and Open House, recently held in the parish
5. Questions from the floor
6. New Business:
   - A. Plans for nomination and election of new council members
   - B. Subsidy plan for grade school and high school students
7. Other Announcements
8. Adjournment

Invitations ...

Bus Fund Bingo

Sunday, April 22, at St. Alexis Activities Hall, 1725 E. Forest St., Ypsilanti. Doors open 6:00 p.m. **$2,000.00 Giveaway Guaranteed Jackpot** all for the benefit of the Catholic School Bus Fund.

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Bus Fund Paper Drive

Weekend of April 28-29. Please bring your papers to **St. John's Parking Lot.** If it is impossible to do yourself, please call - Sullivan's, 483-5735, or Courtois', 483-6249 for pick up.

Intercessory Prayer

Truly this man was the Son of God.

Dear Jesus, though you were in the form of God, you did not count equality with God, but you emptied yourself taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of man. And being found in human form you humbled yourself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. And you did it just for us. Jesus, as you looked down from the cross at your people I see love coming from you. Why did I run away when you were arrested? Why did I deny you before your accusers when I told you that I would die with you? Why didn't I help you with that heavy cross on your way to Calvary? Why did I turn you over to be put to death? Why wasn't I there to at least comfort your mother or to help them take you down from the cross? Why did I fail you when the going got rough? Why did my faith in you fail me? Still with all of my daily failing you said, "Father, forgive them." In the beginning of Lent you made a covenant with us and welcomed us home. You wrote the law of love in our hearts. You forgave us by forgetting all of our sins and helped us to begin anew.

Jesus, create in all of us a clean heart and put a new and right Spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of thy salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit to always follow you and serve you as brothers and sisters. May we all be one and may God's love and spirit change our lives to follow in his footsteps till we rejoice with him in his kingdom. Now I can say "Truly, this man is the Son of God."

Let us worship Jesus,
David Rocha

Readings for April 8 - 15

Sunday
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Monday
Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday
Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

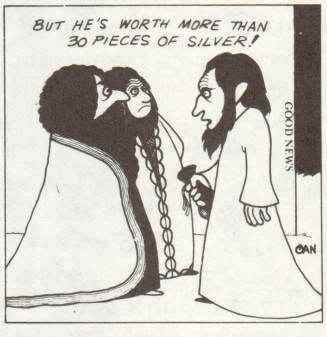
Wednesday
Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday
Is 61:1-3, 6, 8-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21; Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday
Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday
Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-8

Sunday
Acts 10:34, 37-43; 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9



Passion/Palm Sunday: April 8, 1979

Love has no price.
A million would not suffice.
Judas measures his worth by greed.
The rest of us by our need.

Reminder:

Leisure Club meets this Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Holy Week Confession Schedule

Tuesday, April 10 - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 11 - 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Good Friday, April 13 - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 14 - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Mass Schedule

Monday, April 9 - Monday in Holy Week
7:00 a.m. Bonnie Calder, req. by the Butman Family
2:30 p.m. Catherine Conkle, req. by Terrence & Anthony Gomes (at Parkview)

Tuesday, April 10 - Tuesday in Holy Week
7:00 a.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by his wife, Dorothy
5:30 p.m. Lewis Vivian (3rd Anniv.) req. by Ida Vivian

Wednesday, April 11 - Wednesday in Holy Week
7:00 a.m. John J. Mongiat, req. by Carmelita Mongiat
9:00 a.m. Matthew Stein, req. by Ann Cyrus

Thursday, April 12 - Holy Thursday: The Lord's Supper
8:00 p.m. James T. Barge, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Witold Potocki & Richard Steeby, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Benedict Jacobs

Friday, April 13 - Good Friday: The Passion & Death of the Lord
12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
1:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday, April 14 - Holy Saturday, Solemn Vigil of Easter
8:00 p.m. Intention of parishioners & Mary Test, req. by Bob & Nancy Wagner

Sunday, April 15 - Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord
7:00 a.m. Thomas Monaghan, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hallop
9:00 a.m. Joseph Hutting Family, req. by Mrs. George Max
11:00 a.m. George Binder, req. by Doreen Binder
12:30 p.m. TLomas Butman, req. by The Gene Butman Family

Financial Barometer

April 1, 1979

Sunday Offering	$4,356.68
Catholic Relief Services (addt'l)	124.00
Parish Improvement	3,671.50
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